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11. (U) Leaders from all Central American countries plus Mexico and the Dominican Republic are scheduled to meet July 11 in Panama for the Eighth Summit of the Tuxtla Mechanism for Dialogue and Coordination. The Tuxtla Mechanism, founded in 1991, is a multilateral forum designed to promote cooperation among Central American countries and Mexico on political, economic, social, and development issues. A key chapter of the Tuxtla Mechanism has been the Puebla-Panama Plan (PPP). The PPP in its original format has made little progress since its launch in 2001 by Mexican President Fox. The key components of the Mesoamerican Energy Initiative (a regional refinery and integration of electricity grids) originated in the PPP and are expected to be discussed at the Summit (reftels A and B).

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